AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A device for detecting a presence or an absence of a redox reactive analyte in an aqueous sample, the device comprising an electrochemical cell having one or more walls, the electrochemical cell further comprising:

a sensing chamber;

a first electrode and a second electrode, wherein the first electrode and the second electrode are mounted on opposite sides of electrically resistive material;

a first aperture extending through the electrically resistive material, the aperture defining a sidewall of the electrochemical cell, a first electrode area on the first electrode and a second electrode area on the second electrode;

a second aperture for admitting the sample into the sensing chamber; and

a reagent disposed on a support, the support selected from the group consisting of: at least one wall of the electrochemical cell, an independent support, and a self support;

wherein the device contains a quantity of the reagent sufficient for [[only]] a single test; and

wherein the reagent is capable of undergoing a redox reaction directly with the analyte to generate an electrical signal indicative of the presence or absence of the analyte.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the first electrode comprises a sensing electrode.

3. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the first electrode comprises a material selected from the group consisting of platinum, palladium, ~~carbon, indium oxide, tin oxide,~~ gold, ~~iridium,~~ copper, ~~steel,~~ and silver~~, and mixtures thereof~~.

4. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the second electrode comprises a counter electrode.

5. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the second electrode comprises a metal in contact with a metal salt.

6. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 5, wherein the metal in contact with a metal salt

is ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ silver in contact with silver chloride~~, silver in contact with silver bromide, silver in contact with silver iodide, mercury in contact with mercurous chloride, and mercury in contact with mercurous sulfate~~.

7. (Original) The device of claim 1, the electrochemical cell further comprising a reference electrode.

8-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, further comprising a heating element located in a region of the sensing chamber.

15. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 14, wherein the heating element [[is]] includes an electrically resistive ~~heating element~~ bridge effective to concentrate a heating effect adjacent the sensing chamber.

16. (Original) The device of claim 14, wherein the heating element is an exothermic substance contained within the sensing chamber.

17. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the second electrode is mounted in opposing relationship a distance of ~~less than about 150~~ 100 microns or less from the first electrode.

18. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising an interface for communication with a meter.

19. (Original) The device of claim 18, wherein the interface communicates a voltage or a current.

20. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the electrochemical cell comprises a thin layer electrochemical cell.